



# CLEVELAND HEIGHTS

**Monday, March 1, 2021 Minutes**

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

6:54 – 7:44 p.m.

Mayor Stein presiding

Roll Call: Present: Dunbar, Hart, Russell, Seren, Stein, Ungar  
Excused: None

Staff present: Boland, Butler, Clinkscale, Freeman, Hanna, Himmelein, Iorio, Lambdin, McRae, Mecklenburg, Niermann O'Neil, Smith, Trupo, Zamft

Topics discussed: CH-UH Libraries, Legislative Overview, and Follow Up Items/Other

**CITY COUNCIL**

7:50 – 8:30 p.m.

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Excused: None

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Minutes from the City Council meeting held Monday, January 19, 2021, February 1, 2021, and February 16, 2021 were approved with submitted edits.

**Personal communications received from citizens (via electronic mail)**

Amy Himmelein read a comment from Fran Mentch asking if the Meadowbrook Lee project should be postponed until Top of the Hill is completed or make it a park.

Amy Himmelein read a comment from David Klain that a park had been designed for Meadowbrook Lee and can be viewed at <https://cedarparkweebly.com>.

Amy Himmelein read a comment from Elaine Price and Gordon Landefeld supporting infill housing for Desota Avenue and Compton Greenway project, but are concerned that infill on the corner lots should not be done until the greenway plans are completed.

Amy Himmelein read a comment from Krista Hawthorne, Executive Director of Reaching Heights, stating the high school swim team participated in the relays in the state championship meet. Maple Buscher and Xavier Roe are National Merit Scholarship finalists. The Superintendent spoke to the State of Ohio Board of Education regarding inequity and EdChoice funding. The CH-UH Board of Education began holding in-person meetings again.

Amy Himmelein read a comment from Michael Modersky requesting Cumberland Pool be open this summer for a limited number of users.

### **Report of the City Manager**

Notify Council that sealed bids were received on February 5th, for project #21-01 – Shannon Road Resurfacing & Waterline Replacement. There were five bids received and Terrace Construction, Inc. of Cleveland, Ohio's Base plus Alternate B-1 bid of \$1,415,756.08 has been found to be the lowest and best responsive and responsible bid.

#### **Matter of Record**

Notify Council that sealed bids were received on February 19th, for project #21-04 – for the Purchase of Five (5) 75 cubic yard Aluminum Refuse Ejector Trailers. There were two bids received and Warren Equipment, Inc. of Plant City, Florida's bid of \$379,000 has been found to be the lowest and best responsive and responsible bid.

#### **Matter of Record**

The Compton Greenway project and the infill projects will not interfere with each other and the city is aware of the corner lots which will not have infill housing.

In the CDBG memo, there is a correction to be made. The Citizen Advisory Committee reviewed and unanimously recommended the allocations in this plan and legislation, voted on October 20, 2020.

The consent agenda has three items regarding the refuse and recycling project. The OWDA money will be used to repair the Service Garage. There will also be a purchase of equipment as reference in the Matter of Record items just mentioned. The Focus magazine coming out at the end of March has an update and explanation of the transfer to automated collection.

### **Report of the Chief of Police**

No report.

### **Report of the Clerk of Council**

No report.

## MUNICIPAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Council Member Dunbar stated the city will be purchasing a 14-Foot Stainless Steel Dump Body with Salt Spreader and Plow Package, a Freightliner 114SD Tandem Axle Cab and Chassis, six Heil 28 CU YD Half Pack Residential Front End Loader (RFEL) Automated Refuse & Recycling Trucks, and three Freightliner 122SD Semi-Tractors. She thanked staff for moving forward with this project and for Economic Development.

There will be a hands-free resolution in the packet coming out on Monday.

## PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Council Member Ungar thanked Planning Department staff for their work on CDBG.

**RESOLUTION NO. 12-2021 (PD), *Second Reading***. A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit the Community Development Block Grant entitlement application for the year beginning January 1, 2021

Introduced by Council Member Ungar, Seconded by Dunbar

Roll Call: Ayes: Hart, Russell, Seren, Stein, Ungar, Dunbar  
Nays: None

**Legislation Passed**

**RESOLUTION NO. 13-2021 (PD), *Second Reading***. A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit the Amended Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) entitlement application and plan for the year beginning January 1, 2019

Introduced by Council Member Ungar, Seconded by Council Member Dunbar

Roll Call: Ayes: Russell, Seren, Stein, Ungar, Dunbar, Hart  
Nays: None

**Legislation Passed**

The Board of Control will be meeting tomorrow night to discuss the MetroHealth expansion.

## PUBLIC SAFETY AND HEALTH COMMITTEE

Council Member Ungar stated the Law Director is working on the Racial Justice Task Force.

## ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE

**ORDINANCE NO. 20-2021 (AS), First Reading.** An Ordinance establishing salary schedules, position classifications and other compensation, and benefits for officers and employees of the City

Introduced by Council Vice President Seren

### **Legislation Introduced**

Council Vice President Seren read a comment from Laura Marks. Residents are invited to the Arbor Day 2021 Celebration on April 30, 10:00 a.m. at Noble Park. The Forestry Department will plant two trees and Cleveland Heights Tree People will plant three trees. Flowers will be added to the beds as well.

Council Vice President Seren stated that public safety and the mayoral transition are leading concerns for the community. Choosing a seventh Council Member is increasingly important as it may serve as the tie-breaking vote for mayoral transition topics. Regarding public safety, the Administrative Services Committee will be introducing themes and options that will be anti-corruption, pro-resident, and keep certain powers with Council to ensure checks and balances.

Council Vice President Seren stated that the Council vacancy had existed for a year. He proposed that T. Nadas be chosen for this position. T. Nadas will not be running for Council in this election cycle. Council Vice President Seren moved to appoint T. Nadas to fill the vacancy on Council effective immediately. The motion was not seconded.

### **Motion Failed**

Council Vice President Seren asked that if any members changed their minds, they tell the Mayor. Council Member Dunbar stated she believed this topic should be discussed in Executive Session.

## **COMMUNITY RELATIONS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE**

Council Member Russell asked Council Vice President Seren what time the Arbor Day event was to which he replied 10:00 a.m.

Council Member Russell asked Susanna Niermann O'Neil to reach out to University Heights to get the census tree won in the competition for census participation.

There will be a Community Relations and Recreation Committee meeting held at the next Committee of the Whole meeting. There will be an update provided regarding the reopening and restrictions for the summer Parks and Recreation.

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**ORDINANCE NO. 10-2021 (F), Second Reading.** An Ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of not to exceed \$1,500,000 of economic development nontax revenue bond anticipation notes, in anticipation of the issuance of bonds, for the purpose of paying a portion of the costs of the acquisition of a portion of, and redevelopment of the site generally known as “Top of the Hill” located on approximately four acres of land situated between Euclid Heights Boulevard and Cedar Road at the top of Cedar Hill in the City

Introduced by Council Member Hart, Seconded by Council Member Dunbar

Roll Call: Ayes: Seren, Stein, Ungar, Dunbar, Hart, Russell  
Nays: None

**Legislation Passed**

**ORDINANCE NO. 23-2021 (F).** An ordinance to amend certain subparagraphs of Ordinance No. 127-2020 (F) and subsequent amending ordinances, relating to appropriations and other expenditures of the City of Cleveland Heights, Ohio for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2021

Introduced by Council Member Hart, Seconded by Council Member Ungar

Roll Call: Ayes: Stein, Ungar, Dunbar, Hart, Russell, Seren  
Nays: None

**Legislation Passed**

Council Member Hart suggested Council revisits applications for the Council vacancy and consider other members.

**Consent Agenda**

*Note: Individual Consent Agenda items are not discussed separately during the Council meeting, unless removed from the Consent Agenda on the request of a member of Council. Once an item is removed from the Consent Agenda it will be placed on the Regular Agenda.*

**RESOLUTION NO. 15-2021 (MS).** A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Gledhill Road Machinery Company, for the acquisition of a 14-Foot Stainless Steel Dump Body with Salt Spreader and Plow Package for the Department of Public Works; providing compensation therefor

**RESOLUTION NO. 16-2021 (MS).** A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Valley Freightliner & Western Star, for the acquisition of a Freightliner 114SD Tandem Axle Cab and Chassis for the Department of Public Works; providing compensation therefor

**RESOLUTION NO. 17-2021 (MS).** A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Bell Equipment Co., for the acquisition of six Heil 28 CU YD Half Pack Residential Front End Loader (RFEL) Automated Refuse & Recycling Trucks for the Department of Public Works; providing compensation therefor

**RESOLUTION NO. 18-2021 (MS).** A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to apply for, accept, and enter into a Cooperative Agreement for planning and construction of the 2021 Refuse & Recycling Automation & Transfer Station Improvements project between the City of Cleveland Heights and the Ohio Water Development Authority

**RESOLUTION NO. 19-2021 (MS).** A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Cleveland Freightliner dba Valley Freightliner & Western Star, for the acquisition of three Freightliner 122SD Semi-Tractors for the Department of Public Works; providing compensation therefor

**RESOLUTION NO. 21-2021 (CRR).** A Resolution recognizing March 2021 as Red Cross Month in the City of Cleveland Heights

**RESOLUTION NO. 22-2021 (CRR).** A Resolution recognizing March 2021 as National Women's History Month

Motion to suspend rules by Council Member Hart, Seconded by Council Member Dunbar

Roll Call: Ayes: Ungar, Dunbar, Hart, Russell, Seren, Stein  
Nays: None

**Motion Passed**

Motion to adopt the legislation by Council Member Ungar, Seconded by Council Member Dunbar

Roll Call: Ayes: Dunbar, Hart, Russell, Seren, Stein, Ungar  
Nays: None

**Legislation Passed**

Council President's Report

The Council President acknowledged Susanna Niermann O'Neil to make comments. Susanna Niermann O'Neil stated that residents can join the Board of Control meeting tomorrow at 5:00 p.m. by going to the calendar at [www.clevelandheights.com](http://www.clevelandheights.com) where a link will be posted.

**NEXT MEETING OF COUNCIL: MONDAY, MARCH 15, 2021**

Respectfully submitted,

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Jason S. Stein, Mayor

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Amy Himmelein, Clerk of Council  
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